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- 1. Approximately 20 soldiers with bordeaux-red service colors and commanded by a senior lieutenant, arrived at the Amstetten railroad station on 5 May. The soldiers were armed with rifles and some with sub-machine guns; they carried folded overcoats and some carried entrenching tools. The soldiers looked tired; they marched on to Mauer where they arrived at 1230 hours.
- 2. At noon, approximately six officers with bordeaux-red, and one officer with black service colors, entered the building Mauer-Oehling Hauptstrasse 5, which is probably used as an officers' mess. No other military personnel nor vehicles were observed.
- 3. The major part of the Landes Heil-und Pflegeanstalt (insane asylum) which is surrounded by a high wall, is used as a Soviet military camp. Only a limited view is possible from the adjoining railroad embankment. Within the area there are 16 brick buildings and a large numbe of temporary barracks. Two wire lines, coming from a western direction and branching off the public telephone system, lead into the camp.
- 4. According to local inhabitants, only three or four brick buildings are still being used by Landes Heil- und Pflegeanstalt; the other buildings are occupied by Soviet troops. A large number of tanks and motor vehicles are allegedly stationed at the temporary barracks. Sometimes tanks are parked in the open. The area is strongly guarded, especially during night hours when sentries circle the area by motorcycle. On 1 May 1952, a large number of tanks had left Mauer in the direction of Amstetten.

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